



FROM THE TOP: Election Time

Meeting November 19 at
Sonoma Fire Station, Second
Street West, Sonoma

You thought the other election was exciting, well it doesn't even compare to the upcoming election of officers for VOMARC! Nominations are still open for anyone interested in becoming a club officer, your participation makes the club what it is. Elections will be held at the November meeting and the installation of officers will take place at the Christmas party.

The club meeting will be November 19 at the Sonoma Fire Station on Second Street West in Sonoma. This month's program is on the use of Spectrum Analyzers. Bring your hand held and we can test it out on the analyzer.

The ARRL has published the results of Field Day 2008. This isn't a contest, but it is always fun to see how we compare with other groups. Check out the results elsewhere in the newsletter.

Pacificon was last month and it was a lot of fun. Lots of good programs to listen to and plenty of new radios to check out.

The Christmas Party will be at Mary's Pizza in Boyes Hot Springs on December 10. There will be more information and a sign up at the next meeting so that we can let Mary's know how many people to expect.

It is nice to see the rain and the end of the fire season. Now we move into the flood season. Keep those batteries charged up and be ready. There is an upcoming ACS drill also.

Hope to hear you on the air and see you at the meeting in November.

November Program

—by Jim K6UUW

A spectrum analyzer is a marvelous piece of equipment, but when paired with a tracking generator, it can even do more spectacular measurements.

This month, Mike, WB6TMH, will demonstrate how this equipment is used.

If you attend our Field Days, you are aware of the use of a filter to keep out interference between the bands. Those filters were made by club members and checked using this equipment.

If you have any filters laying around that you like to have checked, please bring them to the meeting.

If you read QST, you will find a new product review article in just about every issue. One parameter that's measured is spurious-signal and

harmonic suppression. If you know your specs on your handheld and would like a comparison, the spectrum analyzer can do that as well.

Even if you don't know the specs, bring your handheld and we will check it out for you.

Field Day 2008 Results

Field Day 2008 was on June 28 and 29 this year. VOMARC set up three stations at Camp Via, located in the hills above the Sonoma Development Center.

The number of contacts and bonus points we received resulted in a score of 2,140 points. That ranked us 164 out of 303, for 3A stations in the nation, not bad for having such a good time. We were the only 3A station in our section, San Francisco, and ranked fourth in points for all stations in our section. The most important thing was we had a good time and ate really well! Below is a table of the scores for the San Francisco Section. Field Day is a great way to get out and learn new things. We tried out our new antenna launcher and assembled 3 stations and antennas. Get next year marked on your calendar and come out and join us. Field Day will be June 27 and 28 next year. Hope to see you there.

Displaying entries for **Section=SF**

Entries 1 to 14 of 14 listed

#	Call	Score	Categor	QSOs	Power	GOTA Call	Sectio	P	Club
1	W6S	7,996	2A	2,330	2	W6XU	SF	5	Marin ARS & REDXA
2	W6J	7,140	1E	689	5		SF	1	
3	W6S	2,536	2A	544	2	W6LFJ	SF	3	Sonoma Co Radio
4	W6A	2,140	3A	415	2		SF	1	Valley of the Moon
5	N0B	2,002	4AC	807	2	KI6OCL	SF	1	North Bay ARC
6	KD6	1,896	2A	294	2		SF	3	Humboldt ARC
7	N6Z	1,454	1E	326	2		SF	1	
8	K6B	620	1B1B	62	5		SF	1	
9	AE6J	350	1B2B	29	5		SF	2	
1	AE6	314	1B2	32	2		SF	2	
1	W6O	260	1B2	30	2		SF	2	
1	AE6	202	1D	76	2		SF	1	
1	KI6O	74	1D	12	2		SF	1	
1	KB6	4	1D	1	2		SF	1	

Minutes of the October 15 Meeting

There were 17 in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer was absent. The report was given by the president, Dave, KD6FIL. There is money in the bank. The club brought 2 Ht's for 2 members of the club at the high school.

ACS: The Monday night net included the quarterly radio check at the EOC. We need to get the packet online at the EOC. It is proposed to use winlink.

It is felt that there should be packet capabilities at the hospital.

The camp out at Dillon Beach was good. Friday night the weather was bad. There were some antenna problems, but Saturday was nice. This was the week end of the California QSO party. Altogether, the club made 50 QSO's. It is suggested the camp out be held next year also. Maybe next year participants could play with phased array antennas on salt water.

There will be an ACS GPS event in November. The date is not set yet. This will be similar to the event held in Petaluma last year, where hams use GPS and their radios to locate the various EOC's in the valley & then transmit the coordinates upon arrival.

Thank you to all who helped with the Vintage Festival Parade communications.

VE report: The next VE session will be November 22, 2008, at McDougal Hall.

Training Committee Report: As mentioned, the club purchased 2 Yaseau EX 150's. This Friday, Jim, K6UUW, and Dean, KI6FFM, will meet with the students and help them get on the air. We may have them build a crystal set as a hands on project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pacificon is October 17 - 19, 2008 - this week end. Friday will have legal and antenna seminars. There are classes and displays all day on Saturday. Sunday morning will be the big swap meet. The schedule is on the Pacificon web site.

Hamfest is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009. We have all the paperwork in order, including the letter from the city granting the club one of the free days.

Net Control: We still need a net control for ACS for November.

Nominations for officers was opened. The following are the nominees: President, Dave, KD6FIL; Vice President, Jim, K6UUW; Treasurer, Marty, KI6RTP; Secretary, Joan, W6WXU. All other nominations are welcome either over the net, or at the November meeting. Elections will be held at the November meeting. Installation of officers will be at the meeting in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Stan, NJ6E, gave a presentation on DTV and how the switch from analog to DTV will affect the local areas.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan W6WXU

FOR SALE: ICOM IC-W32A dual-band handi-talkie for 144/440 mHz. Like new condition in original box with all original components. Covers aircraft AM frequencies and WX channels on VHF FM as well as VHF(HI) public service freqs. \$120.00. Ken N6KM 938-2626 kmct@vom.com

2008 VOMARC Net Control Assignments

Month	Call	Name
NOVEMBER	AL	KI6LNK
DECEMBER	WD6BOR	DARREL

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

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Eileen Adams, KG6QNT - Editor

Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2nd St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until the Sonoma Police station renovation is completed.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa's Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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SEE YOU THERE.**

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2008 Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Ken N6KM, 402 Fourth Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**